

Sandbox Gazette

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The Sandbox Gazette from The Tenth Life has arrived. In this edition, we will provide the calendar of events, update you on the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, encourage everyone to spay/neuter their pets, bring you up-to-date about the new pet store, make a request for help, report the current proceeds from the three-dollar donations, suggest many ways of making donations and offer occasions for making donations, tell you about a special offer for the 2013 Entertainment books, list the monthly supply donations, notify you of a need for volunteers, remind you about the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign and United Way drives, furnish all of the information about the upcoming dinner and auctions, remind you about registering your Kroger Plus Card, give the past, current and future fund raisers, and offer several reminders.

Calendar of Events

Please review the following calendar of upcoming events for The Tenth Life.

Donate to \$3.00 Fund	Now
Speedy Rewards	Now
Aluminum, Pennies, Paw Points	Now
Register your Kroger Plus Card	Now
Newsletter Distribution Choice	Now
2013 Entertainment Books	August 6 th
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sep 8 th & 9 th
Annual Dinner & Auctions	Sep 23 rd
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 13 th

Feature Cats

Of the five kittens in the last newsletter, only Hermes has not found a home. He is the black long-hair male, is very loving and playful, and gets along with everyone. He would love to have a home forever.

Our new feature cats are Scamp and Sweetie. Scamp is a two-year-old, long-hair orange boy. He belonged to a woman who passed away and left her twenty cats to The Tenth Life. Scamp is very loving to people and other cats. He is neutered, tested for Feline AIDs and Leukemia, and fully vaccinated. You can see from his picture that he is very handsome. He would love to go home with you and be your special friend.



Our other feature cat is Sweetie. He came to The Tenth Life with his friend, Jet, who is diabetic. We do not like to separate them, but Jet cannot be adopted because of his diabetes. They were owned by a lady who is fighting cancer and could no longer care for them. Sweetie is about four years old and is one of the most loving cats you will find. He will climb into everyone's arms seeking attention. He has never met a stranger. Sweetie is a short-hair gray and white neutered male, who is tested, vaccinated, and microchipped. He is a truly great cat.

If you would like to visit either of these cats or any of our other wonderful cats, please contact us to set-up an appointment. The adoption fee is only sixty-five dollars for years of loving companionship.

The Need for Spaying and Neutering

Please remember to have your own pets spayed or neutered, and encourage everyone you know to do the same with their pets. Please contact your veterinarian about having the surgery done for your pet. In addition, there are so many low-cost programs in this area that

there is no excuse for failing to have pets done. Every animal organization has a low-cost spay/neuter program that makes the surgery more affordable for people who cannot afford the prices at their own veterinarian.

There are so many advantages to having your pets spayed/neutered. The main advantage is that the pet can no longer reproduce and add to the already horrendous over-population problem. Millions of animals are destroyed every year because there are not enough homes for the animals that are born. Other advantages are that the female no longer goes into "heat" and drives her owner crazy with the loud crying. Of course, the female is also miserable when she is in "heat". Females that are not spayed are prone to breast and uterine cancer, and the males that are not neutered are prone to prostate cancer. These are horrible diseases that can be generally prevented by simply having your pet spayed or neutered. Other advantages are that animals that are spayed or neutered, generally do not spray or urinate outside of the box to mark territory. This marking is a horrible problem for the owner. Another advantage of neutering males is that the odor of the urine is greatly reduced. Finally, they are much nicer, more relaxed pets when they are spayed or neutered. They are no longer aggressive, combative animals. All of these advantages greatly outweigh the cost of the surgery.

If you know someone who has a pet that is not spayed or neutered, and you can afford to help, please offer to assist or completely pay for the surgery to help the pet and the owner. Further, if you know of a stray that is not spayed or neutered, please consider having the surgery done to stop the reproduction of more unwanted, homeless pets. If you need information on local low-cost spay/neuter programs, please call The Tenth Life for help.

The New Pet Store in Kettering

As we told you in the last newsletter, there is a new pet store called **Petcare Solutions** at 3137 Far Hills Avenue, about two blocks south of Dorothy Lane (next to Grieve Hardware) in Kettering. One of our volunteers who has been with The Tenth Life for about twenty-five

years has opened his own pet store after working for other pet stores for nearly twenty years. He is extremely knowledgeable about all pet products and will be carrying a wide selection of pet needs. If he does not carry something that you want, he will be glad to make every effort to obtain it for you. The store will be open Monday through Saturday. The phone number for the store is 293-9760.

Request for Help

A couple of years ago we informed you that we had lost our air-conditioning/heating man who had done our work for years. Several of you offered your help, and we chose a couple of repairmen who offered to do our work for free with our only cost being for parts. They are no longer able to provide their services, and we need help again. With three of the large, commercial package units and one furnace/air conditioner system, we have the need for a new repairman. If any of you who offered your help at that time are still interested in helping or anyone new who could offer assistance, please contact us at (937) 376-5550. We understand that you may not be able to offer as good of a deal as these two provided, but any reductions in cost would be greatly appreciated. We must keep the kitties cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Thanks for any help that you can provide.

Status of Three-Dollar Donations

To date, we have received sixty-seven hundred and thirty-three dollars in donations for this fund raiser. The donations seem to be below previous years, but maybe with this reminder, the contributions will catch-up. If you have not sent your donation to the three-dollar fund, we really would appreciate your participating in this fund raiser. The amount is so small so that everyone can donate without putting a burden on your finances. We understand that the economy is still not great, but your help is important. We could do like many other organizations and ask for huge amounts, but this has been such a profitable fund raiser in the past that we wanted to keep the request at this level to make it affordable for everyone. Please send your donation

today so that you do not forget to help the cats with your contribution. Many people send more than three dollars which helps with the total. Any amount is truly appreciated. However, we are sending acknowledgement letters to everyone who donates over twenty dollars because of the number of donations received. If your donation is less than twenty dollars, and you want a letter, please note this with your donation; and we will be happy to do a letter for you. We will be looking for your donations in the mail.

Methods of and Reasons for Making Donations

We thought that this would be a good place to remind you of the different ways that you can donate. You can send a check directly to The Tenth Life at our post office box or you can donate on our website through “Just Give”. However, “Just Give” does take four percent administrative fees out of all donations. This is a small percentage. Giving through the website is very convenient and does not require a stamp. You can also donate to The Tenth Life through United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign drives that are conducted in the fall. Many large businesses are now conducting their own donation campaigns and often even make company matches to their employees’ donations. The Tenth Life has donation cans in several businesses in the area. There are cans at Pets Supplies Plus in Kettering and in Centerville, at the Pines Pet Cemetery in Lebanon, at Old Troy Pike Veterinary Hospital and Northgate Animal Hospital in Huber Heights, at Burkhart Greenhouse and Garden Store in Miamisburg, and at Grandma’s Garden Center in Clearcreek Township. Donations through any of these methods contribute to the welfare and care of the cats at The Tenth Life and are greatly appreciated.

In addition, we want to remind you of occasions where donations to The Tenth Life are very thoughtful. Several people make donations in the name of a friend or relative for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, Christmas or as a thank you for a kind gesture. In all of these cases, the donor receives a letter acknowledging the donation, and the receiver is sent a letter notifying them of the donation (but not the amount). It is often very difficult to know what to buy as a gift, but for pet lovers, a donation

in their name is very thoughtful and very appreciated. Recently, The Tenth Life has been named as a recipient of several memorial donations for people or pets. This is a wonderful way to honor the memory of someone who loved pets or the memory of a pet. The donation is a lasting remembrance; whereas, flowers do not stay nice very long. A letter is sent to the donor and another letter to the family of the deceased. Of course, the amount of the donation is not included in the letter to the family.

The reason for making any of these donations is to help the cats living at The Tenth Life to have a better life and find a loving home for the remainder of their lives. Please remember donations made in any of these ways or for any of these reasons are tax deductible. All donations are used directly for the care of the cats and not for any other purposes.

Special Offer for 2013 Entertainment Books

With the cooperation of the people at Entertainment, we are able to offer you a free 2012 Entertainment book with the pre-purchase of a 2013 book. This free offer is only for the Dayton books. The 2013 books will sell for thirty dollars for Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati. We have the free 2012 books available now, and the 2013 books will be available beginning August 6th. If you prepay for the 2013 book now, we will give you the 2012 book immediately. You cannot find a better offer. You get two books for the price of one. The 2012 books are good through the end of October. As you know, the books are loaded with money-saving coupons. For example, if you use just the LaComedia coupon alone, you save sixty-nine dollars. Using more of the coupons adds to your savings. There are many coupons for fast food, fine dining, travel and car rentals, sporting events, dry cleaners, services, etc. You can literally save hundreds of dollars or more by using these coupons. This special offer will only be available at The Tenth Life or by mail (with an additional charge of three dollars for shipping), not at the retail locations that normally sell the books for us. The books make excellent gifts for friends and relatives and keep giving throughout the year as they use the coupons. Call us if you have any questions.

Monthly Supply Donations

The supplies on the following list, by month, are those items we use everyday at The Tenth Life. Any of these items can be brought in any month. We can use any supplies that you donate to help defray the operating costs. The supplies can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Thanks for you help.

July	Paper Towels
August	Hydrogen Peroxide Wipes - Walgreens
September	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
October	Paper Towels
November	Bleach
December	2013 Cat Calendars

Need for Volunteers

We have an urgent need for volunteers as two of our great volunteers have left the area. We need help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The volunteers feed and water the cats, scoop litter boxes, sweep and mop floors, change bedding, etc. The average amount of time needed is approximately two hours. Some people who have the time spend longer. There is always plenty to be done. If you could spare some time in your busy schedule and would like to work with the cats, here is a great opportunity. The pay is a gentle rub, a loud purr, and often a warm furry creature in your lap. All of this pay and no taxes withheld. Please call us at the number at the end of the newsletter, and we will give you a tour and allow you to meet the “furries”. You will feel very fulfilled knowing that you are helping these once homeless cats to enjoy a better life.

Combined Federal Campaign and United Way Drives

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way (UW) drives begin this fall. UW kicks off their campaign in September and CFC begins in October. We will be participating in both campaigns. For UW donations for The Tenth Life, you must write-in the following: The Tenth Life Pet Therapy Program, P.O.

Box 178, Alpha, Ohio 45301 as only United Way affiliates are listed in the booklet. However, for CFC, The Tenth Life is listed in their booklet, and our number is **32031**. Simply list this number in your designation of contributions. The Tenth Life will receive these donations to aid in our effort to help unwanted cats. We will send acknowledgement letters to all donors who release their names to The Tenth Life during the second quarter of next year when we receive the list of donors from CFC and UW. If you want to be sure that The Tenth Life receives your donation, you need to release your name to us and, that way we can verify that your donation was received. If you do not want us to know the amount of your donation, you can mark your donation accordingly, and they will not put the amount on the list released to us. We need your donations and appreciate any amount that you can contribute. We sent the letters in May to the donors for the last campaign. Thank you so much for your support of the cats at The Tenth Life.

Annual Dinner and Auction

The planning and work for the dinner and auctions is progressing nicely. We wanted to provide the information again in case you did not see the last newsletter. We will be serving lasagna, with or without meat, a side salad bar, garlic bread or breadsticks, coffee or tea, and a selection of desserts. For an additional seventy-five cents you can purchase soft drinks. The location is the same as the last two years, **Routsong Funeral Home** in Kettering at the corner of Stroop Road and Woodman Drive on Sunday, September 23rd from 2:00-6:00pm. We know that some people are concerned about our having this event at a funeral home, but this is a beautiful facility, and Tom and Lisa Routsong are so generous to allow us to use it. The dinner and silent auction will begin at 2:00pm. Dinner will be served during the entire time. The cost of the dinner is ten dollars. If you prefer, you can have the unlimited salad bar for six dollars with the garlic bread or breadsticks, dessert, and coffee or tea. In addition to a delicious meal, you can enjoy a live auction and table after table of silent auction items for your shopping and bidding pleasure. Bring plenty of money so that you can bid

often and bid high. Your dinner and auction items can be paid with cash or check. We do not accept credit cards. For those of you who love to watch sporting events on Sunday afternoon, there are several televisions located throughout the facility for your viewing pleasure. You can bid on your favorite items and return to the televisions to view your favorite sports event. When we begin closing silent auction tables, we will be closing them approximately every fifteen minutes. The live auction will begin at 5:00pm. Please mark your calendar and do not forget this fun-filled event. For everyone who has attended before, you know that this is a great afternoon of eating and bidding.

If you would like to help on the weekend of the event or with the planning of the event, donate items to the auction or dessert items for the dinner, please contact The Tenth Life. We will need about thirty helpers with this project. On the day of the event, we need servers, table cleaners, auction workers to attend the tables, bid sheet workers, etc. Auction items can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown on the back page of this newsletter. We really need the items by September 15th to have time to prepare the bid sheets. Baked goods can be brought to the location on the day of the dinner. We would love to have a nice selection of baked goods for our diner's delight. Our bakers have always provided a fantastic selection of baked goods for the dinner. You can call The Tenth Life if you have questions about the dinner or auction. We need your help and support with this event.

Registering Your Kroger Plus Card

Have you remembered to register your Kroger Plus Card? As we told you in the last newsletter, Kroger has changed their way of helping charities. Instead of using the gift cards that we have sold for years, Kroger is now asking that you go online and register your Kroger Plus Card. You simply register your Kroger Plus Card on line at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and designate "**The Tenth Life**" and code **80591** as your supported agency. We have repeated the instructions on the back of this newsletter for your convenience. If you have trouble registering your Plus Card, call us, and we can help. If

you have a Plus Card, but did not register it when you obtained it, you will first have to do this before you can sign up as a supporter of The Tenth Life. If you do not have a Plus Card for Kroger, please ask for one at your local Kroger store and proceed with the registration. This is such an easy way to support the work of The Tenth Life, without incurring any cost to you. Your Plus Card will also get you better deals on your purchases. Please remember to register your Plus Card and begin adding to the funds that we will receive for the cats. Kroger will donate a percentage of all purchases made by people who have registered their Plus Cards as supporting The Tenth Life to our cause.

Past Fund Raisers

The annual plant and flower sale was another huge success. We again sold twenty-six thousand dollars of beautiful plants, hanging baskets, flowering pots, herbs, vegetables, and perennials. The sale produced ten thousand dollars of profit for the cats. We thank Furst the Florist for providing the beautiful and healthy plants for the sale. They were even more beautiful this year than normal. We also thank the volunteers who worked so hard to sort and check the orders and the customers who purchased the plants from The Tenth Life. We need to make one more special thank you. A supporter of The Tenth Life purchased all of the plants, baskets, flowering pots, and vegetables that were left at the end of the sale at the full price plus gave an additional donation. This generous person had already purchased about five hundred dollars of plants before this final purchase. Her purchase not only concluded the sale, but also reduced our workload by eliminating our need to water the plants every day. The Tenth Life appreciates her generous act so much. This was truly a successful sale and very profitable for the cats. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

On June 7th, we participated in the Yellow Springs Street Fair. The weather was perfect, the crowd was large, and the sales were great. We sold \$1,362 of merchandise to help the cats. Thanks to our volunteers who worked the booth and to all of our customers. We plan to attend again in October. Please look for us there.

Current Fund Raisers

Do not forget to register your Kroger Plus Card so that you can continue to support the work of The Tenth Life with your grocery purchases.

If you send your three-dollar donation today you will not have to do it later or worry about forgetting to help the cats.

Please continue saving your Speedy Rewards and transferring them to The Tenth Life. You can donate your Speedy Reward Points to The Tenth Life by going on-line to Speedway's web site or call 1-800-643-1948 and transfer your points to the following card – 404440 098106 in the name of Jerry Kerns. As we do not have a fleet of cars, Speedway would not issue a card to The Tenth Life but only to an individual. Please do not allow your points to go unused, consider transferring them to the card number shown above and help the cats save their funds. By transferring your Speedy Rewards to The Tenth Life you help the cats without spending your own money. It is easy and so helpful to our efforts to help homeless, unwanted cats.

The Tenth Life apparel including t-shirts in 25 different colors, sweatshirts in 11 different colors, and tote bags are always available. The t-shirts are fifteen dollars for short-sleeve ones and twenty dollars for the long-sleeve variety. Sweatshirts sell for twenty-five dollars. The tote bags are twenty-five dollars and are gray. All have The Tenth Life logo embroidered on the front of the item. Any can be shipped to you for two dollars for shipping for the t-shirts or three dollars for the sweatshirts and tote bags.

We also always have the great selection of catnip toys which include crocheted balls and fish, fabric pillows and fish, catnip mats and catnip furry beds. The balls and pillows are two dollars, the fish are three dollars, and the catnip mats and beds are ten dollars. They come in a variety of colors filled with catnip for your cat's pleasure. Shipping depends on number of toys ordered but is usually a couple of dollars. The cats love these toys because they are filled with fresh catnip, not catnip

that was picked years ago. Your cats will be thrilled with these toys.

The Tenth Life cookbooks are also available for twelve dollars with an additional charge of three dollars if you would like the cookbook shipped to you. There are three hundred and fifty recipes for delicious dishes that you can prepare. You profit with these yummy recipes, and the cats profit from your purchase. The cookbooks make excellent gifts for your friends who love to cook or bake. You will be thrilled with the cookbook.

Future Fund Raisers

In September, we will have our booth at the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival. The dates are September 8th and 9th. The Tenth Life's booth will be in front of McDonalds on Dayton-Xenia Road. We will have a wide selection of cat-related items for you.

September 23rd is the date you need to mark on your calendar for our annual dinner and auctions. It will be an event to remember, loaded with fun and great food. Come and bring some friends and of course, plenty of funds for bidding. The more the merrier.

Reminders

If you have not already indicated to us your choice of method of receiving the newsletter, by mail or by e-mail notification, please contact us by mail, phone, or e-mail and tell us. The address and phone number are listed below. The e-mail address is jlotsacats@aol.com. We are trying to convert as many as possible to e-mail notification to save printing and mailing costs. If you do not have internet connection or simply want to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, tell us, and we will be happy to accommodate your choice.

Your support of our requests for aluminum, pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons has been overwhelming. Please continue saving aluminum,

pennies, Fresh Step Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons for The Tenth Life. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from drink and pet food cans to spouting and siding. Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum. (A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals.) The pennies can be wrapped or not wrapped. The Fresh Step Paw Points code can be found on the bag or box or in the pail of litter. The code is usually twelve characters and is not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag with the code and send it to us. Please save any ink cartridges for us to recycle and earn rewards. We also appreciate your saving coupons for cat food, Fresh Step or Yesterday's News cat litter, paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper. All of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. If you cannot bring the aluminum to us,

we can transport it for you. The Paw Points, ink cartridges, and coupons can be sent to the post office box.

Hours of operation:

4:30-7:30pm weeknights
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturdays
12:30-5:00pm on Sundays

Phone Number:

(937) 376-5550

The Tenth Life address:

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P.O. Box 178
Alpha, Ohio 45301-0178

Website

thetenthlife.org

Instructions for Registering your Kroger Plus Card

- If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, you can obtain one at the Customer Service desk.
- Go to the web site www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on Sign-In/Register.
- As most participants are new online customers, you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
- To sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account enter your zip code, click on your favorite store, enter your e-mail address, create a password, and agree to the terms and conditions.
- You will get a message to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of the e-mail.
- Click on My Account and use your e-mail address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus Card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter **80591 or The Tenth Life**, select organization from the list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see **The Tenth Life** on the right side of your information page.
- Your purchases will not count until you register your card.
- Your card must be swiped when making your purchases for your purchases to count.
- Call The Tenth Life at (937) 376-5550 if you have questions.



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